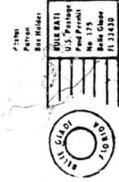




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BELLE GLADE-PAHOKEE, FL.

## Lake hits 18.2 feet, continues to rise



**WAVES caused by winds and high waters crashed over the Pahokee breakwater Tuesday morning. Water Management officials expect the lake to reach 18.5 feet or higher before the rising lake level subsides.**

### Council approves marina pact

PAHOKEE - The Pahokee City Council Thursday night, February 24, approved an agreement with a group of investors seeking to develop the Pahokee Marina.

The agreement, which the council approved over objections by Mayor Thomas Duncan Padgett, will lease the facility to the Pahokee Marina Development Corporation, for five years with three 15 year renewal options to bring the total length of the lease to 50 years.

The lease will go into effect only when certain obstacles are overcome, including the current lease on the marina held by William Joiner.

Padgett said he objected to leasing the marina for 50 years.

"I'm against a 50 year lease for anything," said Padgett.

The lease contains several "conditions precedent" that must be resolved before the new lease with Pahokee Marina Development Corporation.

The major "condition precedent" involves the lease William Joiner holds on the facility.

The city must resolve that lease and several other obstacles before the agreement approved last week becomes valid.

"Aren't we getting the cart

before the horse?" asked Padgett. "Shouldn't we resolve Mr. Joiner's lease before we enter into any other agreement?"

"The agreement there (before the council) depends upon you all resolving your disagreements, if any, with Mr. Joiner," said Andy Helgesen, an attorney representing the Pahokee Marina Development Corporation. "I don't think you have to resolve them all tonight."

According to the agreement, if the city cannot work out the obstacles, it can inform the Pahokee Marina Development Corporation in writing and all arrangements between the city and corporation are terminated.

If the city can resolve all the "condition precedent" the lease will go into effect.

The corporation will pay the city \$300 per month in rent for the first two years after the last "condition precedent" is resolved.

After that the corporation will pay the city a percentage of its gross receipts plus half a cent per gallon fuel sold at the marina, if that amount is greater than \$300 per month. If that amount is less than the base rate of \$300 per month, the city will collect the base rate instead.

The corporation was seek-

ing the two-year period between the time that the lease went into effect and the time the percentage rate went into effect, allowing the corporation time to invest and develop the facility, Helgesen told the council.

Originally the corporation was seeking a five year lease with three 15 year renewal options to extend the lease to 50 years. The city council revised that to include an option for the city to purchase the buildings and developed parts of the facility from the corporation upon one year's notice in the 34th year.

Councilman Ronnie Graydon said he too objected to a 50 year lease and asked for a five year lease with three ten year options, but Steve L. Boglioli, president of the investing corporation, said that was unacceptable.

The two groups compromised by including the option-to-buy.

Adelstein said the 50 year lease would give the investors the opportunity to make a profit after paying off 30-year bonds they expect to issue to help fund the development.

He said the 35 year lease wouldn't give the investors ample incentive to put funds into the project because there wouldn't be time to make a profit.

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He said the 35 year lease wouldn't give the investors ample incentive to put funds into the project because there wouldn't be time to make a profit.

Adelstein said that he didn't think the corporation had enough capital to back the restaurant and keep it operating.

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### Elden to break country club lease

BELLE GLADE - The city of Belle Glade will be advertising next week for bidders on the lease of the city-owned country club.

The Elden Corporation, the current holders of the lease on the establishment, will be breaking the lease and leaving the establishment at the end of this month, it was revealed at a Wednesday morning, March 2 meeting.

The corporation, which has held the lease on the establishment since May 1982, owes the city \$7,000. The city has collected only \$1,000 from the corporation since it has opened

the doors of the club in May, according to Mayor Thomas L. Altman.

David Haneburg, the president of Elden Corporation, notified the city that the lease would be broken by a letter received by City Clerk June Boglioli Tuesday, March 1.

Elden doesn't intend to bid for the lease a second time, according to Altman.

Six other individuals are interested in leasing the establishment, according to City Manager W.E. "Tommy" Strong.

City Commissioner Claude Tindall said he thought the city

shouldn't make money the primary concern in awarding the new lease. Qualifications should take priority, he suggested.

The Elden Corporation will operate the establishment, which includes a restaurant and a bar, until it leaves March 31. It will also work with the new lease-holder in the transition if a new operator can be located and placed before the end of the month.

Altman said that he didn't tell you the truth, I will tell you the truth," said Tindall. "I don't know yet."

McKinstry wasn't available for comment at press-time.

### Qualifying starts Friday

by William McKinstry and George Tillis.

Candidates may file their qualifying papers at city hall after opening a campaign bank account, according to McCoy. Qualifying will end April 1.

Last year, 1,658 voters were registered in Pahokee.

George Tillis is completing his first term on the council. He said he hasn't decided yet whether he intends to seek re-election.

"Tell you the truth, I didn't tell you the truth," said Tillis. "I don't know yet."

McKinstry wasn't available for comment at press-time.

Two seats are up for grabs in this year's municipal election, scheduled for May 3.

The seats are currently held

By JEFF BROWN

South Florida Water Management officials now expect Lake Okeechobee to peak at or over 18.5 feet above mean sea level, but they are unsure when that crest will be reached.

Water is being dumped into the lake from the Kissimmee River and recent rains faster than the Army Corps of Engineers can pump it out, according to Joe Schweigart, deputy director of the district's Department of Field Services.

"We expect it to be 18.5 feet," said a district spokesman. "But nobody's making any guesses when that will be."

The corps is pumping 4,360 cubic feet of water from the lake per second through the St. Lucie estuary. That is the

maximum load it can pump under current tide conditions, according to Schweigart.

It is also pumping about 8,311 cubic feet per second through the Caloosahatchee River, for a total of about 12,700 cubic feet per second.

Water is entering the lake through the Kissimmee River basin, where lakes are at or above regulation levels, according to Enid Butler, a public information officer with the district.

Rains last weekend and the early part of this week increased the amount of water entering Lake Okeechobee above the amount the corps can pump.

Tuesday, the lake level was 18.2 feet, an increase of .19 above Friday's level.

Schweigart said the district has been using the main

outlets for removing water from the lake in an effort to cause the least damage. Excessive discharges through the St. Lucie estuary may upset the ecological balance, but discharging into already full conservation areas could upset wildlife in those areas.

He said the district probably won't be able to move water into those areas until the rains cease.

"We've got our work cut out for us, and so does the corps, as far as dispersing this water to cause the least amount of damage," said Schweigart.

Rainfall has been 400 percent above normal for this time of year, said Schweigart.

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## Garcia retains seat

SOUTH BAY - Refugio "Pancho" Garcia won a third term on the South Bay City Commission Tuesday, March 1, by defeating opponent Richard Freeman by almost a two-to-one margin.

Garcia picked up 200 of the 331 ballots cast in the single-race election.

Freeman pulled down 117 votes. There are 1,117 registered voters in South Bay, according to City Clerk Virginia Walker.

The 331 votes cast in the election represent only 23.6 percent of the registered voters in the city.

"I'd like to thank the people who supported me," said Garcia after the tally was announced. "He also said intended to 'work hard and do the best I can do.'

Freeman, who was running in his first political campaign, said he plans to run again. "Sure, sure," he said. "The race isn't over yet. It's just begun. This time he's come out on

top. Maybe next time I will."

Don Tanner and Vernita Cox were also returned to office Tuesday night although their names didn't appear on the ballot. They were unopposed in their re-election bids and state law permits their names to be excluded from the ballot in such instances.

During the commission meeting after the vote was counted, Tanner said he wanted to thank the citizens of South Bay who returned him to office unopposed.

"I would like to thank the citizens of South Bay also for giving me that vote of confidence," said Cox.

Tanner, Cox and Garcia were sworn into office after the regular commission meeting Tuesday night.

Tanner is currently serving as mayor and Cox is the vice-mayor. The commission is scheduled to reorganize at its next meeting, Tuesday, March 15.



THE WINNER in the South Bay city commission election Tuesday night was Refugio "Pancho" Garcia, at left. He receives con-

gratulations from his brother John Garcia while Carmen Garcia, the commissioner's wife, looks on.

### At PBJC-Glades

## Conley retires at end of June



BELLE GLADE  
Cecil Conley, the pro-

vost at Palm Beach Junior College's Glades Campus, will end his retirement at the end of June.

Conley, 61, said his last day at the college will be June 30.

His future plans are uncertain, although he said he will be working in real estate.

Conley has been at PBJC-Glades since May 10, 1972. He had served as a chemistry teacher at the central campus for the previous two years.

An official announcement on Conley's retirement came from the college in the future.

### Weather report

Date	Max	Min	R.F.
Feb. 15, Tuesday	71	39	.00
Feb. 16, Wednesday	71	48	1.33
Feb. 17, Thursday	77	56	.00
Feb. 18, Friday	73	49	.00
Feb. 19, Saturday	74	54	.18
Feb. 20, Sunday	74	56	trace
Feb. 21, Monday	74	51	.00

Courtesy of The Agricultural Research & Education Center, Belle Glade

PAHOKEE - Pahokee citizens interested in running for the city council can start qualifying Friday, March 4, according to City Clerk Betty McCoy.

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campus on the coast, and Conley said he may be moving from Glades "at least for a while."

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# 4 charged with conspiracy in robbery plot

**BELLE GLADE** - Two individuals are facing criminal charges after allegedly hatching a plot with an employee of a local store to rob the store, and conspiring to murder the "inside man" afterwards.

According to Belle Glade Police Detective Jack R. Fulenwider, the plot was discovered February 22. The basic plan was to rob an employee of the Eagle Family Discount Center as he

was preparing to make a night deposit," stated a police department release. "There were four people involved in the conspiracy, three outside, one inside. However, a subplot was formulated to

murder the inside man, to insure his silence and increase his profits."

The Belle Glade Police Department, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and the State Attorney's Office formed a task force to

handle the conspiracy. The force was coordinated by Belle Glade Police Chief D. Bill Mathis, according to the report.

The suspects were put under surveillance and arrested at about 8:50 Thursday even-

ing, February 24. Radames Lazo Gonzalez, 34, of 108-Avenue D in Belle Glade and a 16 year old Muriel refugee are facing charges of conspiracy to commit first degree murder and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Oscar Coreano, 23, address unknown, was also arrested in the incident, but specific charges are pending. The alleged "inside man," a 17 year old male, has been charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

"Patrolman Sergio Longinos and Patrolman Fernando Sainz were instrumental in the successful outcome of the investigation," said Fulenwider.

# Man abducted from Deem City, taken to Ohio

A 61 year old man was abducted and taken to the employee of the Deem City Truck Stop was

according to detectives at the Glades station of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

According to Detective Steve Haller, Francis Jakin was abducted at gunpoint by a white male driving an older model Ford F100 pick-up. The abductor also took over \$300 in cash and a .357 magnum.

Detective Rick Murray described the suspect as 5'9", 180 lbs, about 25 years old, with long black hair and a beard.

The two took Jakin to a canal in the Daytona Beach area and the suspect who originally abducted him apparently told

Jakin he was going to kill him and sink his body in the canal.

The second suspect is believed to have talked him out of killing Jakin.

Jakin was left at a truck stop in the Daytona area and picked up by a Florida Highway Patrolman.

The two suspects are believed to be members of a motorcycle gang, said Haller.

Sheriff's depart-

ments in Broward, Dade, Palm Beach and Volusia counties are participating in the investigation.

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parently found a 22 caliber rifle, a citizen's band radio, a folding knife, fishing equipment, ammunition for the rifle, a 12 volt battery and other personal items.

These items were apparently removed from the Ball's van.

Seven chickens and roosters were also located in the suspects' automobile, but the suspects claimed they didn't know how the chickens got into the car, said Carney.

### Bolito raid nets 2

**BELLE GLADE** - Two Belle Glade Police officers earlier this week were left puzzled with the presence of seven chickens in the vehicle of three men apprehended for

burglary in a van.

According to Detective John R. Carney, Horacio Hernandez Delcampio, 27, of Lake Worth, and Justo Rodriguez, 34, of West Palm Beach and Alexis Medio Garcia, 26, of Lake Worth, are facing charges of burglary and grand

theft after burglarizing a van owned by Wayne Ball, 557 SE Avenue E early Monday.

The burglary was apparently witnessed by Betty Ball, Wayne Ball's wife, and it was reported to police.

Delcampio, Rodriguez and Garcia were apprehended about a quarter mile west of Brown's Farm Road on state road 80 at about 1:09 a.m.

Inside the suspects' vehicle, police ap-

fiscated tickets, tally sheets, lottery paraphernalia and about \$3,000 in cash.

The arrests culminate a month long investigation.

**Battery, resisting arrest charged**

**BELLE GLADE** - An Okeechobee Project resident is facing charges after he apparently attacked a woman and resisted arrest by police officers who observed the incident.

According to Belle Glade Police reports, Charles Lewis Lane, 27, allegedly punched Stella Woolton, 32, in the face and head several times.

Lane is facing charges of battery and resisting arrest with violence. Kenny and Weaver received minor injuries and Woolton received injuries to her face and head.

**Aggravated battery charged**

**BELLE GLADE** - A shooting Willie King Coleman, 28, of the same address.

Coleman was shot in an upper rear shoulder with a 22 caliber rifle, according to police reports.

He and Barber were engaged in an argument shortly before the shooting February 20 at about 5:30 p.m.

Coleman was taken to Glades General Hospital and examined and treated.

After the shooting, he allegedly

## Rev. Jones to perform

**PAHOKEE**—The Essence Unique Ladies of Pahokee is sponsoring a Parade of States Ceremony Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church.

The program will feature Rev. Alvin Jones and the Glades Central Trio (ensembles) 6 in concert.

Rev. Alvin L. Jones, pastor of New Bethel A.M.E. Church, South

Bay, will serve as master of ceremonies and narrator for the occasion.

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## Man nominated for West Point

**PAHOKEE**—David Donavan of Pahokee, Florida, has been nominated by United States Congressman Dan Mica for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West

Point, New York. His name is one of 40 Mica has submitted for acceptance. The academy admissions board will choose ten of the individuals.



REV. JONES

## Service news

**ANNISTON**, ALA.—Glenn Martin Rowe recently completed training at Fort McClellan and participated in the graduation ceremony.

Rowe is a 1983 graduate of C.E. Ellison High School of Killen, Texas.

He is the son of Sgt. and Mrs. Johnnie Rowe of Puerto Rico and the grandson of Mrs. Janie Rowe of 300 S.W. 11th St., Lot 23, Belle Glade.

Rowe has been assigned to Fort Rucker in Ozark, Ga.

M. Latimore of 679 S.W. Fourth St., Belle Glade, has completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

**BELLE GLADE**—Sharon D. Johnson, daughter of Minnie L. and J.L. Johnson of 190 N. State Road 715, Belle Glade, Fla., has been promoted to the U.S. Army in the rank of specialist four.

Johnson is a supply specialist with the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

## PIK deadline firm

Farmers have only a few weeks left to sign up for the payment-in-kind (PIK) program.

The sign-up period ends March 11, and will not be extended, according to Mary L. Wilkins, County Executive Director of the Palm Beach County ASCS Office.

"Farmers will not have the opportunity to change their mind and sign up after this deadline. However, those who have already enrolled and those who

enroll before March 11 will have the option of withdrawing from the PIK program without penalty, provided it is done before enrollment ends," Wilkins said.

Severe weather conditions may have caused some problems for farmers around the country, according to Wilkins. However, recurring storms or any other problems won't change the sign-up deadline, she said.

## Chapter I meeting set

There will be a Chapter I Basic & Migrant Programs Districtwide Parent Council Picnic Workshop at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 1983 at the large pavilion in Lake Harbor on State Road 80, on the way to Clewiston.

All parents and interested persons may attend the covered dish event. For further information, call: Gregory C. Belli, Parental Involvement Coordinator, ECIA/Chapter I Programs, at 684-5121.

Johnson

# Opinion

## Slaves in the Glades?

Due to the recent efforts of Jack Anderson and his reputable band of cohorts, we can no longer keep secret what has been hiding from the public for the last 120 years.

Abraham Lincoln may have thought he was freeing all the slaves when he drafted his Emancipation Proclamation, but he never traveled to this here neck of the woods.

That's right! The secret is out. Jack Anderson revealed it to the world when a recent segment of his syndicated "Jack Anderson Confidential" show contained a piece on slavery in the sugar industry in South Florida.

We should have known that we couldn't keep something like that secret for long. What with hard-digging brokers of the truth like Anderson and company snooping around.

And it was going so well. For the past 120 years it's been possible to ignore federal laws, and then someone like Anderson comes along and blows it. Guess we'll just have to free them Jamaicans and send 'em home.

What Anderson didn't explain is that those "slaves" earn a minimum hourly wage in excess of the federally mandated minimum wage.

They also receive lodgings from the company that "owns" them, and passage back to their home at the end of the season.

His assistant interviewed an unemployed American farmer who said he was willing to cut cane, but was told his work wasn't up to par.

Agriculture, more than any other industry, deals with a delicate product. Most crops must be harvested and processed in a very short period of time or the farmer risks losing money because of spoiled crops.

American laborers are untrained in cutting cane and cannot cut the crops fast enough. Jamaican laborers are offered the jobs only after Americans are offered a chance to perform the tasks.

Anderson made a point of the fact that any Jamaican who fails to perform adequately at the job leaves the job for any other reason is sent home.

Several weeks ago, when some laborers from Mississippi left their cane cutting positions, a cry was raised that the individuals had no way of getting home for Christmas.

In the Jamaican's case, federal immigration laws require the individual to return home.

We suggest that Anderson and his crew pay more attention to all sides of an issue and investigate all the facts when they decide to look into it. We also think it would serve them, and the profession they claim to be a part of, well if they presented stories in a fair and unbiased manner.

Jamaicans are not slaves. If they feel it necessary to take jobs here, we feel it is due to circumstances beyond the control of the sugar industry.

## A proper investigation of building in Pahokee

The Pahokee City Council has been asked to investigate accusations concerning the performance of its building inspector, Phelix Slonaker.

The group asking for the investigation, the Pahokee Civic Pride Association, cited incidents of buildings condemned for years, left standing and creating a hazard to the community.

It also cited several allegedly dangerous situations at the Pahokee Marina.

The PCPA laid the blame for the situations on the doortops of Slonaker and past city councils.

The current city council had agreed last week to ask the county to investigate the matters.

If refused to suspend Slonaker until such time as the findings of the investigation indicated it is necessary.

We think that those are both good decisions.

The city and county should act quickly to determine if allegations of dangerous situations are true and then should act immediately to correct

## Chalo Nitka schedule

Weekend Chalo Nitka events begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday with the Small Fry Fishing Contest at 1:30, both on the Chalo Nitka grounds. At 3 p.m., the 4-H Stock Show takes place on the rodeo grounds.

Other children's events include a Haystack Scramble at 1 p.m. and a pet parade at 1:30, both on the Chalo Nitka grounds.

At 3 p.m., the 4-H Stock Show takes place on the rodeo grounds.

The midway and carnival open at 7 p.m. at the ci-

ty hall park.

At 7:30, the PRCA Championship Rodeo begins at the Youth Livestock arena and at 9 p.m. an adult dance will be held at the Doyle Conner Building.

At 10 a.m. Saturday the parade steps off and food and craft booths open at the Chalo Nitka grounds where most of day's remaining activities take place. At 11 a.m. special guests will be honored and at 11:45, trophies will be presented for the winning booths and parade entries.

At noon the LaBelle Cloggers will perform



and at 1 o'clock, the Lonnie Jolson Band. The Chalo Nitka Queen and her court will be presented at 1:30. At 2 p.m., there's a puppet show by the Solitaires.

The 4-H steer sale is set for 3 p.m. at the rodeo grounds.

At 3:15, the Jolson band plays again followed by special drawings at 3:45.

The Seminole Indian Program starts at 4 with the introduction of the tribal chairman and princess. The program includes the Seminole choir, an alligator wrestling demonstration, a baby contest, a men and women's outfit contest, and the competition for the Best Dressed Indian Cowboy.

At 7:30, the PRCA Championship Rodeo rides again. Two dances will be held at 9 o'clock — one for adults at the Doyle Conner Building

and one for teenagers at the American Legion Hall, ending at midnight.

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## It's all in your head

AILSA DEWING



"AND WHAT NOT"

Some people think you'd have to be crazy to go to a psychiatrist. Certainly, the psychiatrists think so; otherwise they would go info-dentistry.

Nobody ever says to the dentist: "I think I am having a toothache," and hopes to be talked out of it. Anyone who did that should go to a psychiatrist. Preferably one who doubles in dentistry.

To be successful, the practice of psychiatry depends on a great deal of faith. The patient must have faith he'll be cured, and the psychiatrist, faith he'll be paid. A psychiatrist who doesn't get paid should go see a lawyer.

But that is risky. If the case goes to court, the patient may be declared innocent by reason of insanity. Yet, if the court declares the patient to be sane, the psychiatrist could get sued for malpractice since he was attempting to cure the patient of an ailment he didn't have.

Now is it an easy thing to define "crazy"? I knew a lady who took to wearing lampshades for hats and her family convinced her she should go get her bricks counted. The psychiatrist complimented her taste in lampshades; she said she looked absolutely stunning. She explained to him that lampshades are cheaper than hats, wider, warmer, and never go out of style. The psychiatrist said that since there was nothing faulty in her reasoning, she was perfectly sane — though maybe a teensy bit eccentric. The lady was so grateful she gave him a new hat for his desk lamp.

You might infer from my words that I am mocking psychiatry. Far be it from me. Was I once not cured of most common of hang-ups — blaming my parents for all the failures and disappointments in my life?

It took me three 50-minute sessions to recount all the woes of my childhood. For my childish pranks, I sobbed out, I was berated, derided, shouted at, chastised, and on occasion, even struck.

If the allegations are found to be groundless, the council will find itself in a position of having stood behind its employee despite public accusations concerning the individual's competence.

If the investigation should reveal that Slonaker has acted improperly, he should be dismissed immediately.

It is determined that the building official's job is just too technical or too big a job for the city or any of its employees to handle, the city should consider hiring outside help.

If the allegations are found to be groundless, the council will find itself in a position of having stood behind its employee despite public accusations concerning the individual's competence.

## The 27th state...

On March 3, Florida will mark the 138th anniversary of its admission to statehood.

Tallahassee church bells will ring out at noon and a celebration is planned on the west plaza of the old capitol building with Secretary of State George Firestone as master of ceremonies.

Florida was sold to the United States by Spain and a treaty signed Feb. 22, 1819. Floridians were promised statehood as soon as the constitution permitted. However, the territory was to go through a tumultuous period before finally achieving statehood 26 years later.

The Second Seminole War (1835-1842) nearly destroyed Florida's economy and East Floridians, who had suffered the most, advocated dividing the territory in half, allowing West Florida to enter first while the east gained additional time for economic recovery. The United States Congress refused to consider the Floridas separately and on March 3, 1845, President John Tyler signed the act of admission, making Florida the 27th state in the union.

On June 25, after elections for state officials had been held and the votes counted, Floridians gathered in Tallahassee to celebrate a triple event: admission to statehood, the election of the state's first governor, William D. Moseley, and the official occupation of its brand new statehouse, Florida's 1845 capitol.

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**JIM JONES**

Boiler Plate



## So long to M\*A\*S\*H

It was a television program I hadn't watched much in recent years. Seems that when M\*A\*S\*H came on Monday nights I was always at the office writing stories, laying out pages, or attending some meeting.

But when the 2½ hour grand finale came on Monday night, I stayed with the rest of the country to say goodbye to Hawkeye, Margaret, Klinger and the rest.

As the program started, I couldn't help but think back on the first time I had seen M\*A\*S\*H. The time was late 1970 or early 1971 and the place was Vietnam. M\*A\*S\*H, the movie version with Elliott Gould and Donald Sutherland, was shown outdoors with a portable 16 mm. projector.

I was amused and appalled by the movie. I had never seen anything like it and didn't know what to make of the black humor. Here were blood stained surgeons wise cracking in the operating room. Weren't operating rooms supposed to be serious places?

But some of the stereotypes, like Major Frank Burns, were immediately recognizable. Burns, a pompous, pigheaded man who reveled in his rank and privileges, has contemporaries in both civilian and military life.

Somehow, the movie versions of the M\*A\*S\*H characters left something to be desired. Sutherland and Gould as Hawkeye and Trapper were a little too calculating and cold. And it was easy to believe that Sutherland was playing less than a far better Hawkeye than had Donald Sutherland.

The rest of history. A whole bunch of us watched it over the rest of its life. It went on so long that some, like me, even lost track of it. If it weren't for all the recent hype, I wouldn't have even known what night the program aired.

I'm glad that the M\*A\*S\*H crew decided to call it quits, rather than going after the all-time TV record for longevity held by such fondly remembered programs as Gunsmoke and Ed Sullivan.

After all the TV program lasted about four times as long as the Korean War and some of the young doctors had become middle-aged men.

It was a good ride while it lasted and there aren't many TV programs I can say that much about.

It's a shame that all of our schools do not have PTA's for if you prefer PTO's.

Thankfully, there is a movement brewing over at Clewiston Primary School to start a PTA.

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the CPS cafeteria.

If you have a child who attends CPS, calendar and plan to be there. The PTA needs your help and your child's school needs a PTA.

## Letters

Editor:

I am a parent of children in the LaBelle schools. I was upset at the decision of the School Board to change the policy for graduation.

I do not believe that a student who has not earned 20 credits should be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

It is an honor to be up on stage graduation night, and I think it is taking away from the students who have earned their 20 credits. I also feel that it is lowering our education standards.

I cannot understand how any School Board member could vote for this. We have presented petitions to the School Board asking them to reconsider their vote.

If you are against the change, please contact the Clewiston school board members and let them know you feel the LaBelle

School Board members voted against the change.

Diane Barnett

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the membership and Board of Directors for the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank everyone who assisted in designing and building this year's float. There were

with the project, but a special word of appreciation is extended to: Sean Scheffler, Gaynor Rackstraw, Linda Brooke, Pauline Crowell, Marshall Hartley, Judy Vann, Larry Rackstraw, Cathy Metz, Robert and Mandy Coker, Jim Harrel, and Curtis and Ruth Thompson.

These people truly make Clewiston the world's sweetest town.

Sincerely,

Jean Anderson  
Executive Director

The truth can be cruel but at least I was no longer bitter toward my parents. It was the psychiatrist I hated. This is known in the trade as "transference" and is an acceptable development on the road to recovery, as long as your bill is paid up. It is quite possible to hate one's psychiatrist and still be treated successfully.

Not in my case, however. I demanded he return the hat I had given him for his desk lamp and stomped out of his office.

All of this is written in jest. I do not hate my psychiatrist. It's the dentist I hate — always probing, probing, probing — trying to get to the root of the matter...

## Tips on planting in cool weather

by Gene Joyner  
Urban Horticulturist  
Palm Beach County

A lot of people are concerned at this time of year about planting and propagating plants. Even though it is cool, a number of plants still can be successfully started from seed or cuttings, although it will take a little bit longer than during warmer months.

If you are attempting to start seeds at this time of the year, soaking them overnight before planting will save several days in the germination process. Also, make sure that seeds are not planted too deeply since with our cool soil temperatures, deeply planted seeds do not get enough warmth to make them sprout as quickly as they should.

Also, make sure that they are not kept excessively wet since this will help increase damping off and other diseases which will destroy seedlings or seeds. In many cases watering can be cut by 50% or more over what it was during the warmer part of the year.

Many types of seeds, too, will experience a several day to several week delay in the time necessary for germination following planting. It is always a good idea to put a label with the date the seeds were planted in the flat or tray or even out in the ground. This way you can tell how long the seeds have been planted and know not to give up hope too quickly.

If root cuttings, make sure that they are placed in areas protected from cold winds. Also they should be covered and protected on nights when frost may be expected. The time needed to root

cuttings may also be increased considerably and in some cases doubled.

Try to leave as many leaves as possible on cuttings being rooted at this time of year and the use of rooting hormones is also recommended since they will speed up somewhat the rooting process.

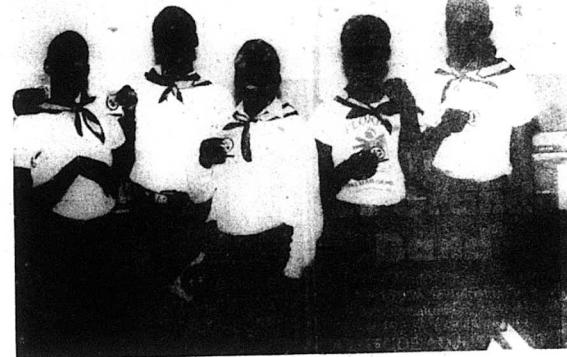
Often times during the winter cuttings are more prone to having diseases attack them causing loss of the leaves on the cutting or in some cases causing the cutting itself to rot.

It may be necessary to apply fungicides such as Captain or Benomyl one or more times during the rooting of cuttings to ensure that the root successfully.

Increased drainage in the rooting media also is beneficial and many growers use increased quantities of perlite, bark chips or other coarse materials in their rooting mix so that it has increased drainage and does not stay too wet during the cool months.

If possible, enclosing the propagation area in a clear plastic tent is necessary to keep temperatures warm and humidity levels high. Don't cover rooting cuttings out in exposed areas, however, since even on cool days sufficient sunlight is available to raise temperatures within these tents to possible lethal temperatures for the cuttings.

Do not remove cuttings too quickly from propagation units during the winter and let a good root system develop before attempting to pot them up. Cuttings are more subject to shock due to temperature and moisture fluctuations during this time of year and need to be better protected in order to survive.



SPECIAL SCOUT BADGES were presented during an awards ceremony Feb. 15. Receiving awards were, from left, Melvin

Espers, Anthony Posey, Andrea Angrams, Jeffrey Brown and Nemiah Knight.

## The Farm Front

by Doyle Conner

The world oil situation can best be described, no pun intended, as fluid.

Falling petroleum prices have brought down gasoline prices in the last few weeks, but there is no firm evidence to tell how long this situation will last.

The lower prices are a short-run benefit to American motorists and to those who depend upon gasoline, such as our trucking industry. Lower gasoline prices offset a federal gas-tax increase of 5 cents per gallon which will take effect in April.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is in disarray. As this is written, members of OPEC are offering to sell crude petroleum at \$4 less per barrel than the benchmark price established for Saudi Arabian light oil.

Egypt was telling its customers that it would take \$1 or \$2 per barrel less depending on grade. Britain and Russia also were under pressure to reduce their per-barrel prices in order to compete with lower OPEC prices.

In the United States, regular gasoline prices were reported today \$1.16 a gallon and unleaded gasoline was selling for about \$1.16 per gallon in response to the low world petroleum price.

Falling world oil prices have raised questions about the effect this will have on Mexico, which has a heavy debt burden it had hoped to relieve from oil revenues, and some other countries which also borrowed based on high oil price expectations. As noted here recently, such large debts threaten the world financing system in case one or more of the debtor nations goes into default.

Reduction in the oil revenue of some of the OPEC states, as well as some non-OPEC states such as Mexico and Great Britain, do not bode well for their tottering economies. However, the benefits of lower gasoline prices in a huge market like the United States can exert an upward pull on those shaky nations.

When the coming economic recovery gains impetus and momentum, the experts feel we will have an overlapping effect to improve the economies of other nations. This means that whatever makes it easier and quicker to revive the U.S. economy will be good for the rest of the depressed world.

As to reduced revenues for the oil-producing nations, even at \$4 and \$5 per barrel less than the benchmark price in recent months, they are still being paid about 10 times what oil was selling for slightly less than a decade ago.

## School plans pre-registration

BELLE GLADE - Pre-registration for the spring term at Glades Central Community High School will be done during the month of March for classes in bookkeeping, typing, shorthand and office clerical procedures.

## Spring hunt season nears

TALLAHASSEE - The Spring season for bearded turkeys and gobblers will begin in Mid-March, allowing hunters an opportunity to try their skills against this elusive woodland bird.

The spring season will be held from March 19 through April 24 throughout

the state.

The daily bag limit is one with a season bag limit of two. Turkey hunters are allowed to cut and possess two turkeys during the fall season and two during the spring season for an aggregate season bag and possession

limit of four during one year.

It is also pointed out that on March 6 the seasons for bobwhite quail, gray squirrel, and fox squirrel will end in the state.

The daily limit for bobwhite quail and gray squirrel is 12 and

the possession limit is 24. There is no season bag limit.

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## Scouts hold awards ceremony

Awards were presented to several members of the hard-hitting Troop Number 620 from the Exceptional Child Education Center at Melvin Espers, Anthony Angrams, Jeffrey Brown and Nemiah Knight.

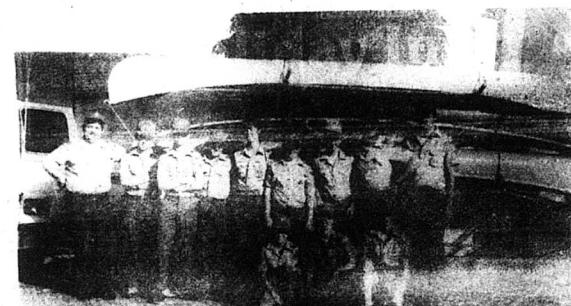
Scout badges were given to Melvin Espers, Anthony Angrams, Jeffrey Brown and Nemiah Knight.

## Choir to perform

BELLE GLADE - The Christian Day School Crusader Choir will be performing "Believer", a contemporary Christian musical on March 9 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and also March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Auditorium.

Each song in the musical is written by Dallas Holm, an American Christian musician.

The musical will be under the direction of Robin Waggoner, choir director for Christian Day School.



wle, Brad Gilliam, Darren Schoenfeld, Bill Schoenfeld and Steve Rice. Front from left, Jessie Womack, Eddie Liverman, Mark Shiveman, Gordon Stithlsmith, Billy Ho-

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# Glades Day Lady Gators win district basketball title



THE DISTRICT 12A CHAMPIONS left, front, Melissah Lutz, Thompson, Michelle Marotta, Swager, Rhonda Hudson, are the Glades Day Gators Paige Lohmann, Becky Teets, Back row from left, Judi Laurolee Green and Angie girls basketball team. From Sheila Lashley, Mary Lynn Austin, Jamie Wills, Melanie Adams.

## Valentine's Day celebrated at East Lake Middle

East Lake Middle School students celebrated Valentine's Day by attending a Valentine's Sweetheart assembly and other festivities on February 11, 1983.

The assembly was sponsored by the student council and co-hosted by Adrienne Lee, president, and Michelle Lee, vice-president of the council.

The festivities included an original dance routine by the council dancers, a poetry reading, "Twelve Roses" by 7th

grade English students, and two musical numbers by the East Lake Middle

School Band. The assembly was highlighted by the presentation and

crowning of 5th, 6th and 7th grade Mr. and Miss Sweethearts.

Sweetheart winners were: 5th grade, Lamonte Calloway and Margaret Johnson; 6th grade, Jeral

Robertson and Tresa Jones; and 7th grade, Jordany Julian and Lasheena Smith.

## Methodists plan lay witness weekend

PAHOKEE - The First Methodist Church of Pahokee, 491 East Main Street, will hold a lay witness weekend, March 4 through March 6.

The schedule for the weekend will include sharing, witnessing, prayer and fellowship.

The weekend will open March 4 at 6:30

p.m. with a covered dish, soup and dessert, followed by a general session which will include sharing time and prayer for small groups.

Saturday, March 5, the weekend will resume with coffee and coke groups at 9:30 a.m.

A sandwich lunch

and teen cook-out will be held at noon, and a covered dish salad and dessert dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. A general session will follow with prayer and sharing time for small groups.

groups. Sunday, March 6, the weekend will conclude with coffee groups and a worship service led by laymen at 9:30 a.m.

## Sorority honors two members

BELLE GLADE - Xi Iota Alpha Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, honored two of their members February 15, 1983, at the home of Anna Mae Chapman.

In a formal ceremony conducted by Rosie Buchanan, president, the Order of the Rose was conferred upon Anna Mae Chapman.

Those attending the ceremony other than the chapter members were Mary Frances Burke, Pam Campbell, Naomi Conley, Mickey Harris, Vivian Miller, Linda Soto, Linde Steele, Sandy White and Mary Evelyn Wilson.

The February social for the sorority was dinner and dancing at the Wellington Club.

The couples had hors d'oeuvres at the home of Manuel Soto in Wellington before dinner and returned to the Soto's residence for dessert and a piñata.

Erin C. Phillips, a student at Christian Day School, will be listed in the 1983 edition of "Who's Who in Music."

The nominating committee and editors of the annual directory include the names of students

based on their academic achievement, leadership in potential, munity, leadership in potential, extracurricular activities and future

service, will be the speaker. She will discuss on-the-job training contracts and recruiting agreements to possibly bring new positions to the Florida State Employment Service.

The tax benefits employees can derive from the programs will also be explained. Questions prior to the meeting can be answered by calling the Palm Beach County Social Services Division of the Department of Human Services, the coordinating agency, at 996-1630.

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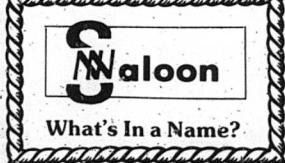
Belle Glade Christian Academy girls softball team

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A public showing of Custom Designer Furniture executed in Metal, Marble & Glass. Showing will be at 28 S.E. Avenue C, Belle Glade on Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**FLOODED CAMPSITES** -- About 60 percent of the campsites in the old section of the Belle Glade Marina were closed down due to the high lake level earlier this week. The lake level subsides and rises depending on the wind.

## Explosives violation draws fine

**TALLAHASSEE** -- State Fire Marshal Bill Gunter has fined \$1,000 for the improper use and storage of explosive materials in violation of Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative

Code. Nolan D. Allen, a duly licensed user of explosives, was charged in an administrative complaint with not storing explosives in a magazine conforming to the rules and requirements of the

Florida Administrative Code, not maintaining a written inventory of the explosives, leaving the explosives unattended or abandoned and leaving them in the care of persons who did not possess a valid license or permit to use

explosives. Nolan, in addition to the fine, has been placed on six months probation. He entered into a settlement stipulation with the department which does not constitute an admission of guilt.

transportation disadvantaged within the urban portion of Palm Beach County."

The report also recommended that a "coordinated provider" should be established for the Glades.

A provider would be a type of transportation director who would "act as broker, with the actual transportation to be provided under contract by CoTran, taxis and other licensed, private operators, and human service agencies."

The county would act as provider through the Division of Human Services, and, according to the report, would apply for and distribute funds whenever possible.

"Eligible persons needing transportation would contact the provider (either directly or through sponsoring agencies), which would arrange the required transportation," according to the preliminary report.

The board aims to coordinate existing services while increasing the use of fixed-route services.

"Fixed-route services will be used to transport clients where possible for both essential and non-essential trips," stated the report. "Demand-response service will be used to provide trips where fixed-route is impractical. Use of vehicles to transport clients will be coordinated to prevent duplication."

Demand-response service is the type of service offered by taxi-cabs, according to members of the board that conducted the study. Fixed-route is the type of service offered by buses.

The board recommended a five-year plan to implement the transportation plan.

In the first year, the provider and Area Planning Board would compile data on funds appropriated or contributed for transportation of the disadvantaged by local governments or private agencies.

The provider would also evaluate the services provided and start attempts to eliminate duplication of services.

The provider would "develop a program for expanding the single areawide paratransit service to include all possible programs" in the second year.

The preliminary report acknowledged that there are problems to be solved in developing the transportation plan.

The condition of the vehicles available for use in the plan "range from poor to good. Transportation may be hampered in some cases due to mechanical problems and unreliability of vehicles."

It stated that the roads in the area won't provide a major obstacle. "Accessibility to clients is generally acceptable due to road conditions."

The report indicated that funding may be the biggest obstacle.

The major economic barrier consists of diminishing funding from governmental sources. At the federal levels, a number of social service

## Transportation plans for Glades aired

**By JEFF BROWN**

**BELLE GLADE** -- The Palm Beach County Area Planning Board aired its plans for utilizing transportation facilities in the Glades at a hearing in Belle Glade Thursday, February 10.

The county plans to make better use over the next five years of existing transportation facilities to service elderly, handicapped and economically disadvantaged individuals.

According to the preliminary report put together by the board, eight social service organizations, 42 taxi companies and the Palm Beach County Transportation Authority provide public transportation in the Glades.

The Palm Beach County Transportation Authority (CoTran) has a fleet of 72 buses, several of which service the Glades.

Social service agencies which provide transportation include the county's Division of Senior Services, the Vocational Rehabilitation arm of Health and Rehabilitative Services, the Glades Community Health Center, the Florida Farmworker's Council, Inc., the Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc., the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., the Palm Beach County Community Action Council and Handicapped Palm Beach County.

Several of the agencies supply transportation upon demand and others, such as CoTran, operate on a fixed-route schedule.

The board's intentions are to coordinate the use of available vehicles to prevent overlapping of trips and to increase the number of people who can make trips when necessary.

According to the report, a survey conducted by a consulting firm indicated that about 496,124 trips are desired per month by elderly, handicapped and economically disadvantaged people living in the Glades.

About 84,000 of those trips aren't made, according to the report.

The transportation study and five-year plan is designed to decrease that latent demand.

The 496,124 demanded trips include essential and discretionary trips.

Essential trips were defined as those "required to sustain life, such as trips to and from work, grocery shopping, health care, education and some personal business."

Discretionary trips "include other shopping, church, social-recreation and similar purposes."

Of the estimated 84,400 latent trips, about 35 percent, or 29,540, were considered essential.

The board examined several organizational and operational alternatives to reducing the number of latent trips.

"The organizational alternative selected was coordination under the existing county transportation structure," according to the report. "This structure consists of a full-time person within the Division of Human Services to coordinate transportation services for the

## State transportation tax proposals divide cities

Two local city commissions this week took opposing views on current efforts to increase taxes to benefit road construction and work.

The Belle Glade City Commission Monday night, February 28, decided to express its desire to see the Florida legislature raise funds for highway construction and work.

"It appears to be the closest thing we've had to getting 'something done on state road 80,'" said Belle Glade Mayor Thomas Altman of the recent reports that Governor Bob Graham is submitting a bill to the Florida legislature that could result in the four-laning of virtually all of the "killer highway."

Tuesday night, March 1, the South Bay City Commission approved a resolution opposing increasing any taxes to fund road improvements.

"Even though they (state representatives and bureaucrats) have assured us that state road would be redone and four-laned, they have promised that now for 20 years," said South Bay Mayor Don Tanner.

Only Belle Glade City Commissioner George Goforth voiced any concern over the proposed gasoline tax increase when the Belle Glade city commission discussed the resolution supporting legislative efforts to increase funds for highway work.

"You have to consider that this area is served almost exclusively by trucking," said Goforth. "Now what do you suppose is going to be the effect of this gasoline tax on the trucking industry?"

Altman responded that he viewed user taxes

as the fairest of spreading the cost among consumers or users, and said the gasoline tax is the closest thing to a user tax possible to fund road improvements and maintenance.

"I think it would be appropriate to express our request to have the legislature provide necessary road funding," said Altman, adding that the resolution didn't mention what source of that funding should be.

The commission unanimously passed the resolution.

The following night in South Bay, Tanner told the South Bay city commission that had already had City Clerk Virginia Walker, state Representative Ray Libertti and express the city's disapproval of any tax increase without a referendum vote.

He pointed to the proposed increase in state gasoline tax and proposals by the Pa' Beach County School Board to raise property taxes.

Tanner said that Libertti had informed Walker and him that Libertti intended to vote in favor of the increase gasoline tax because he was convinced that some of the funds would go toward improving state road 80.

The South Bay resolution opposing the increase in taxes was passed unanimously by the South Bay City Commission.

The state legislature in Tallahassee is currently in a special session to consider various transportation packages submitted by Graham and several state legislators.

## City loan eligibility sought

**BELLE GLADE** -- The Belle Glade City Planning Department will be making an application to the state to determine the city's eligibility under a revolving loan trust act.

Planning Director Remar M. Harvin told the city commission Monday night, February 28, that if the state determines the city is eligible for loans under the Revolving Loan Trust Act, the city could receive up to \$400,000 in low interest loans.

The funds would be loaned to the city at a three percent interest rate over a three to five year period. The city could use the funds to purchase land. The low interest rate could be used as an incentive to attract developers to the area, he added.

Harvin said a citizen's Economic Development Committee has discussed two proposals to use the funds if the state should determine the city is eligible for money under the program.

Both the proposals center around property in the southwest section of town. The property, located between SW Avenue E on the north,

SW Avenue G to the south, SW 10th Street to the west and SW 9th Street to the east, is owned by Fritz Stein, Harvin said.

The application to have the city's eligibility determined doesn't obligate the city to anything, according to Harvin. He said if the city is determined to be eligible, it must submit a detailed plan to the state with any project application.

"Before we submit an application for the project, we would know how we plan to repay the loan in five years," said Harvin.

The three percent interest rate will enable the government to dictate favorable terms with potential investors, Harvin told the commission.

It will take no more than 30 days for the state to determine the city's eligibility, and if it is determined the city is eligible, the city will have six months to submit a project application, he said.

The state will reserve funds for the project in the interim.

programs are being reduced or eliminated. Local governments find that local funding is not available to replace the lost funding. Additional revenue sources must be found while existing resources are better utilized."

The service agencies in the area were reported to have an estimated budget of over \$145,106, and CoTran's budget was estimated at \$421,758, for an estimated total of \$566,861.

Of that total, \$293,747 came from federal sources.

The Area Planning Board also admitted that the plan wouldn't be all things to all people.

A representative from the Palm Beach County Kidney Association pointed out that the scheduling of transportation during regular business hours may not be convenient for kidney dialysis patients, who have to spend the better part of a day at a hospital receiving treatment.

Director of Transportation Planning Randy M. Whitefield acknowledged that the plan won't be able to coordinate with all needs, but said the association's funds wouldn't be jeopardized.

He said the association should still enter into the plan so that the county is aware of its needs the future permits it to be of more assistance.



THREE SOUTH BAY COMMISSIONERS were sworn in their new terms of office Tuesday night by City Clerk Virginia Walker.

## Local students named to honors list

Several Glades area students have been named to the academic honors list for the fall term at Palm Beach Central College. They are: Melinda LaVerne Lewis, Anita Marie Miller, Masako Alava, Lenelda V. Nagasawa, Ana San-

tana Nodal, Allen Arnold Shepard, and Josie M. Suarez.

Pahokee - Jose Francisco Alvarez, Penny Vachon Cook, Antonio Duboy, James Bryan Hatton, Joseph Scott Hudson, Edith,

Adelaide Milita, John Scott Parris, and Kelley Thomas.

South Bay - Suzette

Claire Balke, Barbara

Jeanette Bulgin, Cheryl

Andrea Scott, and

Elaine LaVerne Smith.

# Community calendar

MARCH 3

Christian Businessmen's Fellowship--6:30 a.m., Holiday Inn, Belle Glade.  
Kiwanis Club--noon, Belle Glade Holiday Inn.  
Pahokee Rotary Club--noon, Elks Lodge.  
Belle Glade Civitan Club--7:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Elks--8 p.m., Pahokee Elks Lodge.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Black Gold Jubilee Committee--noon, Belle Glade City Hall Conference Room B.  
Alcoholics Anonymous--Belle Glade, 8:20 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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MONDAY, MARCH 7

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Pahokee Lions Club--noon, Lions Clubhouse.

## Everglades history

**20 YEARS AGO**  
THE BELLE GLADE HERALD  
FEBRUARY 28, 1963

A light turn-out was seen in the Glades when 709 Democrats and 19 Republicans exercised their privilege to vote that Tuesday.

The story said that Lake Harbor and Chosen didn't vote a Republican and South Bay voted one while Canal Point voted for two and Pahokee District 55 had three Republican votes.

Belle Glade's \$2 million dollar water plant had suffered from malnutrition of planning and financing since it's beginning, according to Luther Jones, editor of the Belle Glade Herald.

In 1937 engineers surveyed the community and recommended a plant for 20 years growth. Jones told readers that intermittently, but averaging every four to five years, succeeding planners for ten or twenty years have added to design and capacity, all inadequate, with appropriate financing for the planned unit.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
THE BELLE GLADE HERALD  
FEBRUARY 27, 1953

Okeelanta Plantation, under the new ownership of experienced sugar operators were contributing materially to the economic stability of the Glades by producing a million dollar crop.

The company also had a policy of accepting contracts to purchase cane grown by farmers in the vicinity of its mill.

Okeelanta finished the grinding of its own 125,000 ton crop and had been busy handling the cane of its contract growers, Mack Tenant, Mutt Thomas, Evans and Rogers and Harley Watson.

City officials directed the road building department to commence the filling of a road or passageway from the Kremer Island Road to be used as an access to the wharf and docksite of the Port of Belle Glade.

This action followed the receipt of information from the Port of Palm Beach that it had budgeted \$40,000 for the construction of the wharf.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
THE EVERGLADES NEWS  
FEBRUARY 26, 1943

R.M. Rapp and E.E. Aamodt of the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering were at the Everglades Experiment Station with machines that they had constructed for the harvesting of the seeds of the Russian dandelion that the station had grown on the experimental farm.

One of the machines was a hand pushed variety that was the same type used in Russia. The other was a larger power driven model.

Cowart's Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant on Bacone Point Road, Pahokee was destroyed by a fire that was thought to be caused by the water heating equipment used in the laundry.

Mr. Cowart had lit the water heater and taken his car to pick up the employees. Flames had spread through the rear of the plant when discovered a few minutes later.

A small building in the back of the cleaners was completely destroyed and the main building was left standing with the interior gutted by the blaze. None of the loss was covered by insurance.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
THE PAHOKEE NEWS AND PHILOSOPHY  
FEBRUARY 23, 1933

Business and Professional Women--7:30 p.m., members homes.  
Anonymous--8:30 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, Belle Glade.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Earthen Vessels--11 a.m. Christian Women's Club Fellowship luncheon, Pahokee Women's Club.  
Belle Glade Rotary Club--12:10 p.m., Municipal Civic Center.  
Pahokee Lions Club--noon, Elks Club.  
Glades Area Cancer Crusade Committee--12:15 p.m., Kendra Perkins Office, 205 SE Third Ave., Bldg. D, South Bay.  
Pahokee Housing Authority--1:30 p.m., Pahokee City Council--7:30 p.m., city hall.  
Beta Sigma Phi--Omega Iota, 8 p.m. members homes.  
Overeaters Anonymous--8 p.m., Everglades Federal Community Room, Pahokee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Canal Hazards Safety Committee--7:30 a.m., Holiday Inn, Belle Glade.  
Belle Glade Lions Club--12:15 p.m., Municipal Civic Center.  
Alateen--5 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, Belle Glade.

## County school lunch menu

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
LUNCH MENUS  
MARCH 7 - MARCH 11, 1963

**Mondays:**  
(Choose 1): Meat Loaf with Red Gravy or Grilled Pizza  
Hamburgers, (Choose 2): Seasoned Green Beans, Lettuce French Fries, Crispy Lettuce and Tomato or Chilled Fruit. (With first entrée only): Hot Buttered Cornbread. (Elementary); Milk; (Secondary): Milk or Milkshake.

**Tuesdays:**  
(Choose 1): Spaghetti Italiano or Hot Dog on a Bun. (Choose 2): French Fried Chilled Juice or Chilled Fruit or Chilled Dessert only: Hot Buttered Cornbread. (Elementary); Milk; (Secondary): Milk or Milkshake.

**Wednesdays:**  
(Choose 1): Chili or The Big Virginian. (Choose 2): Corn

Cobbler, Golden French Fries, Crispy Lettuce and Tomato or Chilled Fruit. (With first entrée only): Hot Buttered Cornbread. (Elementary); Milk; (Secondary): Milk or Milkshake.

**Thursdays:**  
(Choose 1): Tasty Turkey and

Dressing or Hamburger on a Bun. (Choose 2): Mashed Potatoes with Gravy OR Golden French Fries, Seasoned Peas or Chilled Fruit. (With first entrée only): Hot Buttered Whole Wheat Roll. (Elementary); Milk; (Secondary): Milk or Milkshake.

**Fridays:**  
(Choose 1): Toasted o French Fries, (Choose 2): French Fries, Chilled Salad and Tomato or Chilled Fruit. (Elementary); Milk; (Secondary): Milk or Milkshake.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

BELLE GLADE -

Christian Day School students are currently signing up sponsors for their participation in the Math-A-Thon for St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Math-A-Thon's purpose is two-fold: it

achieve particular goals, particularly in leukemia, have made it world famous.

Students involved in the Math-A-Thon will collect contributions from their sponsors based on the number of correctly completed problems.

students improve their math skills with problems, games and puzzles, and it is supposed to raise funds for St. Jude.

St. Jude is the largest children's cancer research center in the world.

## Rain

turn returns to that of a typical dry season, Schweighardt said and the district will continue to rely on the many outlets.

According to Robert Allen, who works with the Agricultural Research and Experiment Center in Belle Glade, 9.07 inches of rain fell in the Glades in February, a new record for February, which is normally a dry month. The previous February record was 5.55 inches in 1941.

Sections of the Belle Glade Marina campground are again to individuals who,

sometimes flooded depending on the wind-tide and rainfall, according to Assistant Recreation Director Mike Underwood.

When the wind comes from the northwest, the lake level rises and floods out most of the sites in the old section of the campground, according to Underwood.

The security man at the marina watches the level and evacuates campers located at sites in danger of flooding. When the lake level lowers, those campsites are opened again to individuals who,

## Pahokee

profit after paying off the debts.

He said the 50 year lease with an option to let the city purchase all the construction at the new facility in the 35th year would give the corporation that incentive.

Councilman George Tillis's suggestion that the lease include a clause mandating the corporation run the facility in a clean and orderly manner was also accepted by both the city and the corporation.

We wouldn't go in there and have a crummy set-up,"

said Helgesen.

The city may cancel the lease with 30 days notice according to the lease if it gives the corporation 30 days notice to cure any violations of the lease.

If the corporation fails to cure the violations in 30 days, the city can then cancel the lease.

The city approved the agreement even though Mayor Duncan Padgett said he didn't want to sign it.

Tuesday, he said he will sign the agreement if a line in-

dicating that he approves the arrangement is deleted.

He said he objected to a 50 year lease.

"There's no way to get about it without risking something," said Council Chairman Jon Mock.

"Any improvement on this large a scale is gonna involve a risk."

"If this is going to succeed it is going to be a mutual effort," said Adelstein. "I'm sure we will be before this council or future councils many times. It's just too complex."

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425 Good St. Belle Glade

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Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Ministries - 7:30 p.m.

Breakfast - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1201 S.W. 1st Ave. D  
Belle Glade

**CLIFFORD M. HUMMERS, MINISTER**

Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1201 S.W. 1st Ave. E  
Belle Glade

**C. L. HAPPIY, PASTOR**

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

REV. DAVID COLEMAN

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD/BELIEVE

REV. F. T. MASON

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD/PROPHET

1005 North Main St.

Belle Glade

**ELDER CLARENCE BROWN, PASTOR**

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD/PROPHET

1008 North Main St.

Belle Glade

**REV. RICHARD A. THOMPSON**

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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Young Adult Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD/PROPHET

1010 North Main St.

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**REV. R. L. GOVETT, PASTOR**

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

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YOU SAVE 25¢

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REGULAR OR B.B.Q.  
**PORK RINDS**  
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BUY ONE...  
...GET ONE  
**FREE!**  
YOU SAVE 97¢

**RITZ**  
FLAVORS  
12 OZ. CAN  
**13¢**  
BONUS BUY!  
YOU SAVE

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**CRESCENT DESSERT**  
**COOKIES**  
ASSORTED FLAVORS  
BUY ONE, GET ONE  
**FREE!**  
YOU SAVE

KRAFT  
**GRAPE JELLY**  
2-LB. JAR 99¢  
YOU SAVE 56¢

HY-TOP  
CREAM STYLE  
**CORN**  
3 303 CANS 99¢  
BONUS BUY!  
YOU SAVE 97¢

FROZEN FOOD DEPT.  
BUY ONE YOU SAVE 1¢  
FRIED CHICKEN  
BOTTLED YOU SAVE 1¢  
MEAT RAVIOLI  
BOTTLED FAMILY SIZE YOU SAVE 1¢  
LASAGNE  
BOTTLED YOU SAVE 1¢  
CUT BEANS  
BOTTLED YOU SAVE 1¢  
MEXICAN DINNER  
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HY-TOP FRENCH  
**GREEN BEANS**  
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**SAUSAGE**  
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**GROUND BEEF**  
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WITH CHEESE  
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YOU SAVE 30¢  
YOU SAVE

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GRUNDLAND  
CHEESE WITH ONION, PEPPER, CAYENNE  
2 1/2 LB. 99¢  
TREASURE GATE BLUE SQUARE CHEESE  
2 1/2 LB. 99¢  
16 OZ. CUP

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10W/30  
**OIL**  
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This Week's Feature  
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Each Pendant or Earring Chain  
2 Carat 179¢  
Each Pendant or Earring Chain  
Rings Card 10 or  
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REGULAR & LIGHT  
**BEER**  
12 OZ. CANS 199¢  
YOU SAVE 53¢

DAIRY DEPARTMENT  
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DELIGHT QUARTERS SAVE 18¢  
OLEO 3 1/2 LB. 99¢  
BALLARD SWEET OR BUTTERMAK 5 1/2 OZ. CUP 99¢  
BISCUITS 5 1/2 OZ. CUP 99¢

PATIO  
MEXICAN OR  
BEEF ENCHILADA  
**DINNER**  
14 1/2 OZ.  
PKG. 99¢  
FROZEN FOOD DEPT.  
**BONUS BUY!**

DETROIT  
**RINSO**  
44 OZ. PKG. 99¢  
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6 OZ. SIZE 99¢  
BONUS BUY!

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**Liquid Soap**  
16.5 OZ. SIZE 99¢  
BONUS BUY!

HY-TOP  
**BROCCOLI SPEARS**  
2 10 OZ. PKG. 99¢  
YOU SAVE 13¢

GWALTNEY  
SMOKED  
**PICNIC**  
LB. 79¢  
-SLICED LB. 89¢

LIBBY'S  
**POTTED MEAT**  
4 3 OZ. CANS 99¢  
YOU SAVE 37¢

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**SHORT RIBS**  
99¢  
LB.

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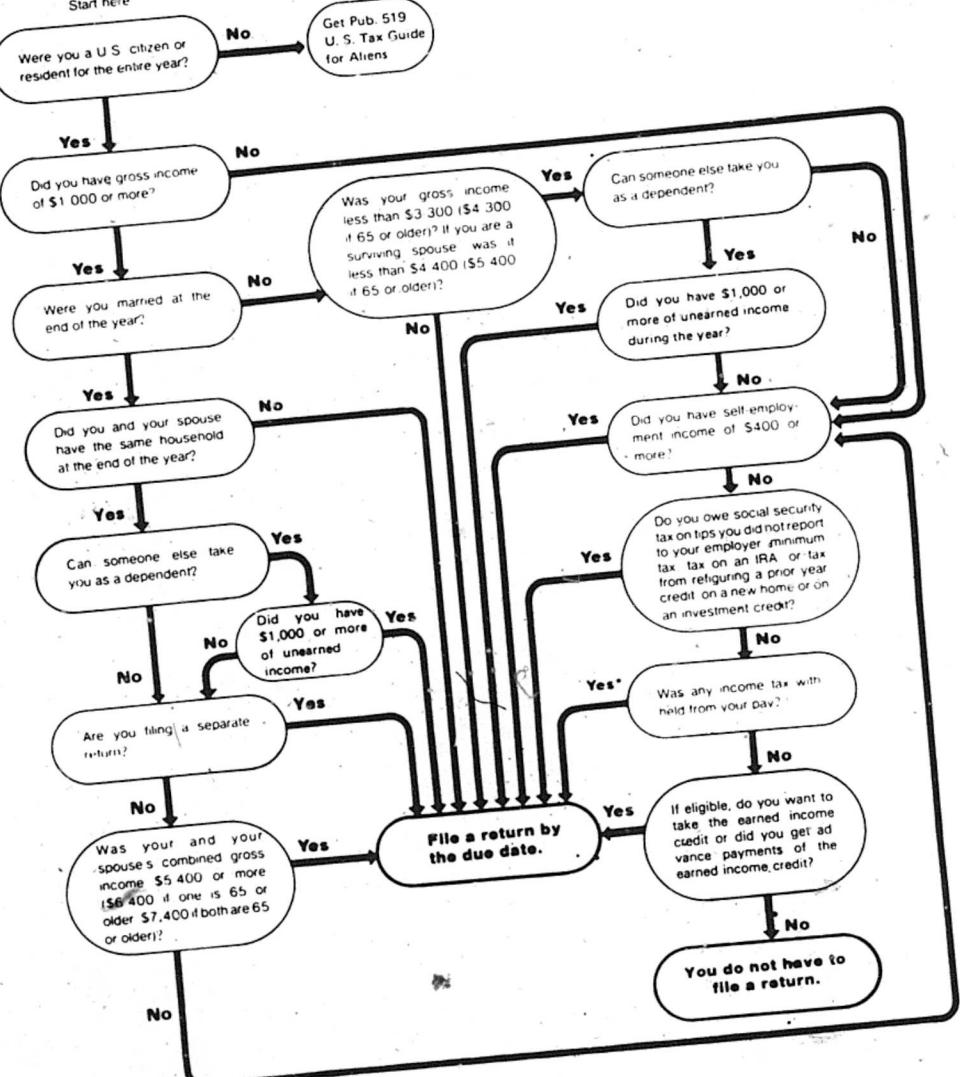
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### Who Must File an Individual Income Tax Return

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# TAX TIPS

A handy guide to help you save time and money in filing your 1982 income tax return. Save it!

## New Penalties for Abusers of Tax Laws

Several new penalties designed to curb abuses of the tax laws are in effect, the Internal Revenue Service said.

The new penalties, authorized by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, are aimed at promoters of abusive tax shelters, persons who aid orabet in the understatement another person's tax, tax protesters who file frivolous returns and persons who commit civil tax fraud.

The penalty for promoters of abusive tax shelters is 10 percent of the promoter's income from the promotion, or

\$1,000, whichever is more. It will be imposed on anyone who organizes or sells a tax shelter scheme and who knowingly makes false statements about tax benefits from that scheme or overstates the value of any tax shelter property or service by more than 200 percent.

Anyone who assists or advises in the preparation of a tax return or other document that, if used, could result in the understatement of another person's tax is now subject to a penalty of \$1,000. If the understatement occurs on a corporate return, the penalty is

\$10,000.

There is also a \$500 penalty for filing a frivolous income tax return. A frivolous income tax return is one that does not contain enough information to determine the correctness of the tax shown on it, that clearly shows an incorrect tax or that stakes out a frivolous position, for example, that the income tax law is unconstitutional.

The additional civil penalty for underpayment of tax due to fraud is half the interest charges on that part of the underpayment due to fraud. This

penalty is in addition to the 50 percent civil fraud penalty and regular interest charges.

Besides these new civil penalties, the Act raises various criminal fines. The maximum fine for criminal tax evasion for individuals goes from \$10,000 to \$100,000, and to \$500,000 for corporations. The fine for criminal fraud and false statements increases from \$5,000 to \$100,000, and to \$500,000 for corporations.

## Filing Tax Returns On the Deadline— A Tradition to Break

Most every family has its own Thanksgiving, 4th of July, and birthday traditions. Similarly, most taxpayers have their own Federal income tax return filing traditions.

Basically these taxpayers fall into one of two categories. The first category is that of the "Eager Beavers." They are the ones who file around the end of January—just as soon as they have gotten their tax return packages and Wage and Tax Statements.

The other group is the "Last-Minute Finishers." These are the people who spend their April 15's, every year, completing their returns and visiting the post office.

The Internal Revenue Service does not expect you to completely change your ways, nor would it be advantageous for everyone to file at exactly the same time.

But if you are one of those taxpayers who usually wait until the last minute you might find that filing earlier—even if only a week or a few days earlier—could make a big difference. For one thing, if you are expecting a refund—you will get it that much sooner. Additionally, by not procrastinating for quite so long you will probably be more relaxed and take more time in completing the form. Not rushing will lessen the possibility of making an error which could delay a refund and could help you discover credits or deductions for which you qualify.

Of course, there are many taxpayers who file close to the filing deadline because they

must wait for certain necessary forms like the W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," or 1099, "Statement of Dividends or Interest." The Internal Revenue Service advises these taxpayers who do not receive their statements by January 31 to contact the employer or payer and request that the form be issued. Taxpayers who still have not received their W-2's by February 15 should call the IRS toll-free telephone number for their area.

If you are waiting for Forms 1099, you should know that it is not necessary to attach this form to your completed returns. All that is required is the payment information from the forms; so if you have kept accurate records or can get the information from the issuing company, you can file without having received the form.

In addition to helping you file early, keeping good records may afford you welcome tax benefits when tax time rolls around by reminding you to claim an expense you might have overlooked.

Homeowners, for example, can claim the energy conservation credit if they insulate or weather strip their homes. The receipts for these expenditures will assist in determining the correct credit as well as serving as documentation.

Other useful receipts, which can be used for itemized deductions, include those for interest on personal loans, finance charges

on bank credit card bills and department store accounts, and receipts for state and local income taxes. Keep receipts for stock transfer taxes and sales tax on cars, trucks, motorcycles, airplanes, boats, and mobile homes, as well as general items. These taxes may be deductible.

In the case of divorced parents, the IRS suggests a careful diary of contributions be kept for a child's daily expenses to document support. In certain situations, the parent or person providing more than 50 percent of the child's support can claim the child as a dependent, and thus qualify for a \$1,000 exemption. In some instances, where both parents attempt to claim the exemption, a difference of as little as five dollars can determine who is entitled to it.

If your job requires special uniforms, union dues, or other related items, or if you're planning on job hunting or moving for employment reasons, the IRS says you may be able to claim these expenses on your return. You may also claim expenses for professional journals, contributions to non-profit educational institutions, and charitable or religious organizations. So records are important here, too.

The important thing to remember about filing your Federal income tax return is to file by April 15. If possible, though, file earlier and keep good records during the year; it has its advantages.

## A Five-Part Check for Dependency

Many people depend on each other. However, to claim a person as a dependent on the federal income tax return, certain specific requirements must be met. The following quiz should help you determine whether or not a person is your dependent:

1. You furnished more than half the person's financial support during the year.
2. His or her income is less than \$1000 unless the person is your child or stepchild and under nineteen or a full-time student for at least 5 months of the year.
3. The person was a U.S. citizen, resident or national, or a resident of Canada or Mexico for some part of the year you wish to claim him or her.
4. The person is your child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, in-law, or, if related by blood, your aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew. If the person is not one of the listed relatives, he or she was a member of your household and lived with you for the entire year.
5. If married, the person is not filing a joint return with his or her spouse OR neither the person or the person's spouse is required to file but they are filing a joint return only to claim a refund of tax withheld.

### Correct Answers:

TRUE for all five. If you checked TRUE for all statements you may claim the person as your dependent.

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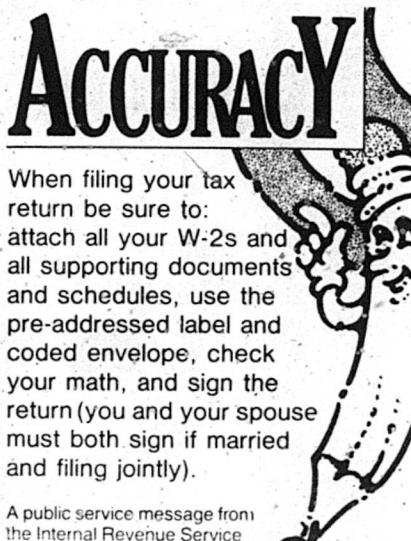
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## Setting Up Your Own Pension Plan

For many people, the word retirement conjures up tranquil days spent fishing, traveling or involved in a favorite hobby. But a secure financial future in most cases requires a good pension plan.

Under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, a number of tax incentives are allowed to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA) and self-employed Keogh plans.

Workers who are already covered by a pension plan may qualify to set up an IRA or to make deductible voluntary employee contributions to their company plan.

An IRA is a savings program that allows you to put money aside for your retirement. Contributions to it are tax deductible and earnings are not taxed until they are distributed to you, generally upon retirement when you would have a lower taxable income. Workers covered by pensions and non-covered workers can contribute 100 percent of their compensation that is includable in gross income, up to a maximum of \$2,000 to an IRA.

Basically, the only requirement for setting up an IRA is that you earn compensation during the year. Wages, salaries, commissions, tips, professional fees, bonuses, and other amounts you get for providing personal service are compensation. Earnings and profits from property, such as interest and dividend income, cannot be included.

You can make payments to your IRA at any time during the tax year. The last day you may pay is the due date for filing your tax return (including extension) for that year. For most people this will be April 15, 1983. If your due date for filing is April 15 and you add money to your IRA between January 1 and April 15, you may choose to have the payment considered part of your 1982 contribution (and deduct it on your 1982 tax return) or part of your 1983 contribution (to be deducted on your 1983 tax return).

There are three kinds of IRA's—individual retirement accounts, individual retirement annuities, and individual retirement bonds. The individual retirement accounts and annuities are available through several sources such as banks, insurance companies, and mutual funds. The sale of U.S. Individual Retirement Bonds, however, was suspended, effective April 30, 1982.

You should compare the individual accounts and annuities to choose the one that is best for you. Some things to look out for are how much the fees are, what the interest rate is and how much you will have in your account when you are ready to retire—and be sure all promises are in writing.

If you are married, there is a type of IRA that may be of interest to you. It's called a spousal IRA and it allows you to set up an IRA for yourself and one for your non-working spouse.

The maximum amount deductible each year for contributions to an IRA and spousal IRA is \$2,250. However, contributions are no longer required to be equal for husband and wife. This means the \$2,250 may be split between the accounts in any way as long as no more than \$2,000 goes to either account. You can take a deduction for a payment to your spouse's IRA only if you file a joint return for the tax year for which the payment is made.

You may elect to receive your retirement benefits in annuity form, in a lump sum, or installments. However, it is important to note that, generally, there is a ten percent income tax penalty for those who receive a premature distribution for either an IRA or a Keogh plan prior to attaining age 59½.

Complete information on the taxation aspects of IRA's and Keoghs can be found in IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on Individual Retirement Arrangements," and Publication 560, "Tax Information on Self-Employed Retirement Plans," respectively. To obtain these free publications, write the IRS.

## Looking For A 1982 TAX BREAK?

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#### What is an IRA?

An Individual Retirement Account, which safeguards your retirement, pays interest on the money you save and lets you defer taxes until you begin receiving distributions from your account.



#### Who can own an IRA?

Effective January 1, 1982, any wage-earner, including federal employees.



#### How much may I contribute to an IRA?

Effective January 1, up to \$2000 of your annual earnings (or \$2250 for yourself and a non-employed spouse).



#### Are there minimum deposit requirements?

Yes, depending on your investment choice, but you may structure your account to contribute what you want when you want, and you may even skip years if you wish.



#### How are my IRA funds invested?

You may choose from a number of options, all specially designed to earn interest at rates tied to those paid on Treasury Bills or Money Market Certificates. Sometime also let you choose between the security of a fixed rate and the flexibility of a floating quarterly rate. You'll pay no management fee. Call us for specific information rates.

### INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PLANS



#### How does an IRA shelter my funds from taxes?

Two ways. First, it reduces your taxable income during your earning years, saving you tax dollars now. Second, it defers taxes on the interest earned on your savings, letting more money accumulate for your retirement.



#### When can I begin receiving distributions from my account?

Any time from age 59½ to age 70½ even if you are still employed. You may withdraw in periodic increments or in one lump sum. You'll pay taxes on each distribution, but at that time you will probably be in a lower bracket and pay less tax.



#### What happens if I withdraw my funds before age 59½?

Because these are retirement plans, unless you have become disabled, you'll pay both taxes on the amount withdrawn and a substantial interest penalty for early withdrawal.



#### Are your IRA and Keogh funds insured?

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## Special Rules Help Divorced, Separated Parents Determine Child Exemption

If you are a divorced or separated parent, the Internal Revenue Service has guidelines to help you decide whether you or your former spouse can claim the \$1,000 exemption for your child.

Although there are some exceptions, the parent who has custody of the child for most of the year is usually permitted to use the exemption. In this case, it does not matter if the parent with custody has been the one providing more than half the child's support.

If you are the non-custodial parent, you may claim the exemption for your child if:

- Your divorce, separate maintenance or other written agreement states that you have the right to take the exemption and you provide at least \$600 of support for your child, or
- you provide at least \$1,200 per child and your former spouse does

not provide more, whether or not your decree gives you the exemption.

Whether you are the custodial or noncustodial parent, you should know the types of expenses to include in determining support. Medical and dental care, food, lodging, clothing, education, recreation and transportation are among the items of support.

Many single parents think that the value of lodging they provide for their children is only the rent or mortgage payment. The true value of this lodging (and the value IRS uses) includes a reasonable allowance for the use of the furniture and appliances, heat and other utilities. You should use the fair rental value of the home in which your child lives, divided by the number of people who live in the home, as the value of the lodging when you determine the amount of support you have provided. Fair ren-

tal value is the amount you could reasonably expect to receive from a stranger, the IRS said.

For example, Mary Smith lives with her two children in an unfurnished home. She pays \$300 for monthly mortgage payments. A similar house in her neighborhood rents for \$500 a month, unfurnished. She adds \$100 a month for the value of the furnishings and \$150 a month for utilities. She determines that she is providing \$250 of support for lodging per month for each child: \$500 plus \$100 plus \$150 divided by three.

Certain other items are easily missed when you are adding up the amount you've paid for support. The child's contributions to church or charities, a reasonable amount of your car expenses for transporting the child to school and other activities, and the child's portion of vacation expenses are items of support you might overlook.

It is important to keep accurate records of support expenses throughout the year. Maintaining a diary for each child will help you keep track of all the little expenses such as haircuts, school lunches and trips to the movies. These records will be important in determining the amount of support you have provided.

If you have reason to believe that your former spouse intends to claim an exemption for a child for whom you claim an exemption, the IRS suggests that you request an itemized statement of support be provided by the other parent. Details of this and other important information for divorced or separated parents can be found in IRS Publication 504, "Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals." You can order this publication by using the handy order blank in your tax package.

## Misconceptions About IRS Can Cause Needless Worry

Over the years, many taxpayers have come to believe as fact some misconceptions about the Internal Revenue Service. Unfortunately, these misconceptions cause taxpayers needless apprehension and worry.

The IRS is a large agency, and the tax law is complex—a combination that might baffle the average person. The following, hopefully, may serve to dispel some of the common misconceptions:

*—Using the peel-off address label will trigger a tax examination.*

The coding on the label actually just speeds up processing. It helps in identifying taxpayers and the kind of forms contained in the tax package they receive; it is not an examination indicator.

*—Once examined, always examined.*

IRS makes a special effort NOT to keep examining the same people over and over. In fact, IRS has a special program called the Repetitive Examination Procedure, the purpose of which is to see to it that no taxpayer is examined two years in a row on the same issue when there was no change the first year.

*—When IRS prepares a return, the tax is always higher.*

If facts and figures remain the same, the correct tax will be identical, no matter who prepares the return.

*—IRS won't allow some deductions to go on a return, but somebody else would.*

IRS will give taxpayers the benefit of all allowable deductions.

*—An IRS mistake can NEVER be straightened out.*

If attempts to solve a tax problem with IRS are unsuccessful, taxpayers should contact the Problem Resolution Office at their IRS office. This may be done by calling the IRS toll-free number listed in the directory and asking for the Problem Resolution Office.

*—A mistake on a return triggers an audit.*

Generally, math errors are corrected automatically by the computer and do not cause an examination. The adjustment is automatic, increasing or decreasing taxes and refunds as appropriate. A mistake on its own does not generate an examination.

*—Tax on a "long" form is not the same as tax on the "short" form.*

Because of certain situations, some taxpayers must use the Form 1040, often called the "long" form. However, the Tax Tables & Tax Rate Schedules for both Form 1040 and Form 1040A are the same. Taxpayers would not pay more tax simply because they chose to use one form over another.

*—IRS agents and revenue officers work on commission.*

IRS employees, like other government employees, work on a salaried basis. The amount of money they "collect" or don't

"collect" in no way influences the amount of their paychecks.

*—Anyone whose return is examined will end up owing more tax.*

The three possible outcomes of an examination are: an additional tax assessment; an additional tax refund; or a "no-change" case. Since the reason most returns are selected for examination is that the return has a good probability of additional tax, many examinations do result in increased assessments. However, the primary purpose of the examination is to determine the correct tax and, if no changes are needed, or if a correction to the taxpayer's benefit is needed, no change or refund report will be prepared.

*—Filing a return early means it will be examined.*

IRS uses a variety of computer methods to select and score tax returns for examination, using mathematical formula to measure the probability of error on each return. The same tax return would receive the same score regardless of when or where it was filed. The grouping of returns and the filing date do not change the probability of further examination.

These misconceptions are certainly not all of the incorrect notions people have about the IRS. Perhaps explaining the facts behind these myths will offset some needless apprehension and worry.

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If you're getting ready to file the same kind of individual Federal income tax return as last year, either the Form 1040 or 1040A, look again. Now there are three types of returns. Make sure the one you file is the one that's right for you.

The newest addition to the family is the Form 1040EZ. This return is 11 lines long and was specifically designed for taxpayers filing as singles who have no dependents and qualify for no extra exemptions because of blindness or age (being over 65). To use the 1040EZ you must have taxable income of less than \$50,000 that is only from wages and interest of \$400 or less. In addition, the interest cannot be from an All-Savers Certificate.

To qualify for the single filing status, you must be unmarried or separated from your spouse either by divorce or separate maintenance decree on the last day of the tax year. For most people, the tax year ends December 31.

The Form 1040A is the next most uncomplicated return. To use this form your income must be from wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends, and unemployment compensation. If you received more than

\$400 in interest or received interest from all-savers certificates, you must complete page 2 of Form 1040A.

You may not be able to use Form 1040A because of the amount or kind of income you receive, your filing status, or because you file forms or schedules or pay other taxes that can be reported only on Form 1040. Or you may want to claim itemized deductions, adjustments to income, and credits that you cannot take on Form 1040A.

Credits and deductions that can be taken on Form 1040A are limited to the charitable contributions deduction, credit for contributions to candidates for public office, the deduction for married couples when both work, and earned income credit. The charitable contributions deduction for non-itemizers is new and is the result of a provision in the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. On their 1982 returns, non-itemizing taxpayers can deduct 25 percent of the first \$100 of charitable deductions from the gross income up to a maximum deduction of \$25.

And finally, don't forget the Form 1040.

It may be to your advantage to file Form 1040 because you can take itemized deductions, adjustments to income, and credits that cannot be taken on the other returns and that will reduce your tax bill.

You may benefit from itemizing deductions if you had large uninsured medical and dental expenses during the year; paid interest and taxes on your home; made large contributions to qualified charities; or had major uninsured casualty losses. Under certain circumstances, taxpayers are required to itemize.

You should also consider whether you can take any adjustments to income for certain disability pensions, moving expenses, employee business expenses, or alimony, or for any tax credits, such as the residential energy credit, credit for the elderly, investment credit, child care credit, or foreign tax credit. If you can take any of these adjustments or credits, you should use Form 1040 rather than 1040A or 1040EZ.

See the step-by-step instructions of your tax package for more information on the forms or request free IRS Publication 910, *Taxpayer's Guide to IRS Information and Assistance*, by writing IRS.

## Tackling Tax Return Easier Than You Think

You've received your Federal income tax package in the mail. You're eager to get your refund but not so eager to fill out the return. It seems like such a task. Here are some step-by-step tips to make the job easier.

### Tax Tip #1

**Be organized.** Keeping records is a year-round endeavor. The more organized they are, the easier your job will be at tax time and the less likely you are to miss any benefits. You may find it helpful to file receipts or cancelled checks in marked envelopes by category during the year. This will save sorting at tax time.

### Tax Tip #2

**Start early.** Look over the tax instructions, forms and records in January. If you find you need additional forms or you're missing a receipt, you'll have plenty of time to get copies. It's a lot easier than waiting until you're against a deadline.

### Tax Tip #3

**Read the Instructions.** Most of your questions are answered in the tax package, and the instructions follow the sequence of the tax return. Most forms are designed so that if you read and follow them carefully, line-by-line, the form will lead you through itself.

### Tax Tip #4

**Take full advantage of free IRS help.** Over 90 free publications are available. Use

the order form in your tax package to obtain any of these. Some public libraries have step-by-step tax instructions available on cassette tapes.

### Tax Tip #5

**Check back over basics.** No matter how careful you think you've been, recheck your whole return before you file it. One of the most common errors is copying the wrong dollar amount from the tax table.

Remember, errors cause you inconvenience and may result in an incorrect bill for more tax or a delayed refund. The few minutes it takes to check your return are well worth it.

### Tax Tip #6

**Sign the return.** A return with no signature is not a properly filed return and cannot be accepted as a legal document. The IRS will have to contact you for your signature, a sure way to slow down your refund. Remember, on a joint return, both husband and wife must sign. Each signature must be original. If you file a photocopy of a return, be sure to sign after you make a copy.

### Tax Tip #7

**Keep a copy.** Place a copy of your return with your supporting records. You might need this information later to income average, apply for a college scholarship or amend your return.

### Tax Tip #8

## Job-Related Moves May Reduce Taxes

Many expenses incurred in a job-related move may be deductible on 1982 income tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service advises.

Moving expenses which can be deducted include the cost of travel to the new location; moving of household goods and personal effects; pre-move house-hunting trips; temporary living costs at the new location; and certain expenses related to the disposition of an old residence and acquisition of a new one. However, the maximum deduction for the last three items is limited.

In addition, the distance between a taxpayer's new job and old home must

be at least 35 miles farther than the former home was from the former job. A taxpayer who is an employee must work for at least 39 weeks during the 12 months after the move.

Eligible taxpayers can claim the moving expense deduction whether they itemize deductions or not. Expenses are reported on Form 3903, "Moving Expense Adjustment," which should be filed with Form 1040.

For more information, taxpayers can order the free IRS Publication 521, "Moving Expenses," by using the order blank included in the tax package.

Suppose that, after filing your return, you realize that you made an error. You accidentally forgot to report some income, or claimed the wrong number of exemptions.

The Internal Revenue Service advises that such errors may be corrected by preparing Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," and sending it to the address shown on

the instructions for that form.

An amended return usually must be filed within three years from the date that the original return was filed or was due, or within two years from the time the tax was paid, whichever date is later.

Taxpayers can obtain copies of Form 1040X from the IRS address shown in the back of their tax package.

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## IRS Explains Collection Process

When a taxpayer, for one reason or another, fails to pay the full amount of federal tax owed, the Internal Revenue Service will collect the delinquent tax in one of several ways. To answer questions about its collection process, the IRS has prepared the following:

Q. I thought I had paid my taxes, and now I've received a notice from the IRS saying I owe more. How can that be?

A. There may be several reasons. You may not have had enough tax withheld from each paycheck, or perhaps an error was made in the preparation of your tax return. If you are self-employed or had other income not subject to withholding you may have missed making the required quarterly estimated tax payments.

Q. The IRS says I owe more tax, but I don't agree. What can I do?

A. If you think that the bill is wrong, notify the IRS immediately—in writing, by telephone, or in a personal visit to a local IRS office. Be sure to have available any records which support your claim, such as cancelled checks or tax returns.

Q. Do I have to pay the entire amount of delinquent tax immediately?

A. If possible, the employee handling your collection case will review financial information which you provide to the IRS and determine whether the full amount can be paid at once, or if you qualify for an installment payment plan.

Q. What if I don't pay the IRS after they notify me that I owe delinquent taxes?

A. When an individual owes more tax, a bill is sent with payment due within 10 days. Several more bills and a telephone call may also follow. If a taxpayer neglects or refuses to pay taxes or to make satisfactory arrangements for payment, a levy may be issued against the taxpayer's salary, wages, bank accounts, or commissions. During the levy process, if the tax bill is paid in full or an acceptable installment agreement is reached, ordinarily the levy will be released.

Q. What rights do I have during the collection proceedings?

A. You, as a taxpayer, have several basic rights during all collection-related activities. They include representation, the transfer of a tax case to another

geographical area when your residence changes, receipts from the IRS for cash payments and copies of all contractual arrangements, confidentiality of tax matters, and the elimination of a penalty with reasonable cause.

Q. Where can I get more detailed information about the collection process?

A. More information is available in IRS Publication 586A, "The Collection Process (Income Tax Accounts)" available free by using the mail-order form in your tax package.

Q. I received a bill from IRS for some additional tax and paid the amount in full. However, after going over my records I found some documents to verify that I owe less tax. What can I do?

A. If your records now show that you overpaid your tax you should file an amended return, Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return."

## New Tax Provisions Benefit Working Couples

If both you and your spouse work, consider yourselves part of a growing trend among American families. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than half of all families are now comprised of working married couples.

And even though the economic advantages of having two incomes are apparent, many working couples, especially those with relatively equal incomes, often find themselves owing additional taxes at tax time, the IRS said. For example, make sure your withholding equals or exceeds what you will pay on your 1982 return if you expect your 1983 income to equal or exceed your 1982 income.

Compounding the situation is the fact that many working couples may not have tax withheld and do not realize it until they file their returns. The result in many cases: a whopping tax bill.

As a result of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, however, two-earner couples will be allowed to deduct up to \$1,500 in 1982 and \$3,000 in 1983. They will not have to itemize deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 to claim this deduction.

Here's how it will work. If you and your spouse file a joint return for 1982, you will show your total combined gross income just as you always have. However, you may deduct from your gross income either five percent of the qualified earned income of the spouse with the lower qualified earned income, or \$1,500, whichever is less. In 1983 and thereafter the deduction increases to 10 percent, but not more than \$3,000.

Let's say your qualified earned income is \$20,000 and your spouse's is \$8,000. In

1982, you will be able to subtract 5 percent of \$8,000 and you will be taxed on \$27,600. For 1983 and subsequent years, you will be able to subtract 10 percent of \$8,000 and be taxed on \$27,200.

Although lessening of the "marriage tax penalty" should provide some relief for many two-earner married couples, you should continue to keep close track of your withholding to avoid owing additional taxes at tax time, the IRS said. For example, make sure your withholding equals or exceeds what you will pay on your 1982 return if you expect your 1983 income to equal or exceed your 1982 income.

One way to deal with underwithholding is to file a new Form W-4, "Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate," and claim fewer or no allowances, request that your employer withhold at the higher single rate, or request additional withholding.

Another choice is to pay estimated taxes. This means that you pay tax in up to four installments directly to the IRS using Form 1040-ES, "Estimated Tax for Individuals." Both Forms W-4 and 1040-ES are available from the IRS; most employers have Form W-4.

There is another provision that you should be aware of if you have children and pay for their care while you work.

The maximum credit you can take for Child and Dependent Care expenses has increased. If you have one qualifying individual the maximum credit ranges from \$480, if your income is more than \$28,000, to \$720 if it's \$10,000 or less. For two or more qualifying individuals the maximum credit will range from \$960 to \$1,440.

This is how the credit works: the credit increases to 30 percent of employment-related expenses if your adjusted gross income is \$10,000 or less. For each \$2,000 (or fraction of \$2,000) you make above \$10,000, the credit is reduced by one percentage point. If your adjusted gross income is over \$28,000, the credit will remain at the existing 20 percent level.

In the area of retirement savings plans, working couples stand to benefit from another wrinkle in the tax law. Workers who are already covered by employer pension plans have the opportunity to make their own tax-deductible contributions to an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA), or to the company plan itself, provided that the plan provides for voluntary employee contributions and the employer agrees to treat such contributions as deductible. The maximum contribution, whether or not the workers are covered by employer's pension plans, is 100 percent of their compensation includable in gross income up to a maximum of \$2,000.

What's more if your spouse does not work you may now be able to deduct an extra \$250 for a spousal IRA increasing the maximum deduction to \$2,250 which may be split between the two IRA accounts in any way as long as no more than \$2,000 goes to either account.

You can make payments to your IRA at any time during the tax year up to and including the due date for your return. For most people this will be April 15, 1983. You may choose to have payments made between January 1 and your due date be considered either 1982 or 1983 contributions.

### Excess Tax Claimed As Credit

If you worked for two or more employers during 1982 and received wages totaling more than \$32,400 and more than \$2,170.80 of Social Security tax was withheld, you are entitled to claim the excess Social Security tax withheld as a credit against your income tax. If you file a joint return, you and your spouse must make separate computations.

However, if you worked for only one employer and more than \$2,170.80 was withheld, you may not claim the excess as a credit against your income tax. Your employer should adjust this over-collection with you.

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## More Time to Reinvest Gain on Home Sale

Taxpayers who sell their houses after July 20, 1981, have 24 months to reinvest the proceeds of the sale in a new home if they wish to postpone the tax on the profit, or gain, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Previously, the purchase of another principal residence had to occur within 18 months of the sale of the old home.

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 has not only extended the reinvestment period for sales made after July 20, 1981, but also for sales made before July 21, 1981, if the 18-month rollover period did not expire before July 20. For example, a taxpayer who sold a home on December 10, 1980, would

have 24 months to reinvest the gain because the original 18-month rollover period would not expire by July 20, 1981.

In order to postpone all the tax on the gain, the cost of the new residence must be at least that of the old home's adjusted selling price, according to the IRS.

The IRS stressed that the tax on the gain is only postponed, not eliminated. Any gain from the sale is subtracted from the cost, or basis, of the new residence. This means that the gain from a subsequent sale of this new residence includes the gain from the sale of the previous home.

For example, if a taxpayer sold a home for \$90,000 and made a \$10,000 gain, then bought another house for \$100,000, the gain is not taxed, but is subtracted from the \$100,000, making the basis of the new home \$90,000.

In addition, taxpayers who are 55 years of age or older on the date of sale of the personal residence may elect a one-time exclusion of gain of up to \$125,000 on the sale. Certain other conditions apply to be eligible to exclude the gain. The individual must have owned and used the property as the principal residence for three or more years out of the five year period preceding the sale or exchange.

Homeowners who postpone gain must report the transaction in the same year on Form 2119, "Sale or Exchange of Principal Residence," the IRS said. If any of the gain is taxable, it must be reported on Schedule D of Form 1040. If the gain is excluded, as in the case of those 55 years of age or older, homeowners also should use Form 2119.

More information on the sale of a home is available in IRS Publication 523, "Tax Information on Selling Your Home." This publication and tax forms can be obtained by using the handy order form in your tax package.

## Beware the "Easy-Out" for Paying Income Tax

Never pay income tax again! That's a very tempting idea. Proponents of this notion are making speeches and offering seminars around the country on the "how-to's" of tax evasion. The Internal Revenue Service cautions taxpayers to beware.

Working toward tax reform certainly is not illegal. For example, contacting a Member of Congress and urging changes in the tax law is the right of every individual. Neither is arranging one's affairs to pay the lowest possible tax against the law. If you hold securities so as to have a long-term instead of a short-term capital gain, the law supports your move.

On the other hand, illegal tax protest, such as advocating or participating in a scheme that results in the illegal underpayment or non-payment of taxes, or the non-filing of required tax returns IS illegal.

Illegal protesters who encourage non-compliance with tax laws often give the impression that there are no consequences. They don't pay taxes, they claim, and haven't for years. They tell of "millions" of others who do the same and maintain the IRS can't do a thing about it.

Contrary to this misleading information, individuals who refuse to pay all or part of their tax, to supply required information, or to file a necessary tax return, can anticipate strict civil and criminal enforcement of the law by the IRS and the tax courts. For instance, conviction for willful failure to file a tax return can result in fines of up to \$25,000, a prison sentence of up to one year, or both. Besides that, conviction for willful tax evasion can carry with it a fine of up to \$100,000, possible imprisonment for as much as five years, or both.

The fact of the matter is that the 16th Amendment to the Constitution gives Congress the power to "lay and collect taxes on income, from whatever source derived." Congress, in turn, has given the Internal Revenue Service the power to enforce tax laws.

Now, how does the IRS enforce these laws?

Each of the 10 IRS service centers across the nation—that's where your tax returns are processed—has a special team whose business is the identification of illegal tax protest returns. Potential illegal tax protest returns are separated from others and sent to this special team for analysis.

These returns and documents are carefully scrutinized to determine as closely as possible which appear to be protest returns or documents. For example, returns which don't contain enough information to determine tax, if there is any, but which do contain statements that supplying this information would violate a person's constitutional rights would be considered potential protest returns.

Remember, the illegal tax protester, in the end, is the one who *willingly* and *knowingly* sets out to break the law. And to be sure only illegal tax protesters have been identified by the special team, the service center will send a letter via registered mail, return receipt requested, to each taxpayer in question. This notice will advise such taxpayer that his or her return is not acceptable as filed. Each person then has 30 days in which to respond.

If after 30 days there is no response, and if there is evidence of criminal intent, the form or document in question will be for-

warded to the Criminal Investigation Division for further evaluation. Based on this evaluation, cases may be selected for investigation by special agents.

Even at this stage, no judgment of actual criminal intent has been made. Each case is treated separately with its own set of facts and circumstances. Suppose, for some reason or other, your return had been selected for this investigation. You still have a chance to show a good faith effort was made to comply with the laws.

Those taxpayers who protest through illegal means, on the other hand, may be subject to criminal prosecution. Illegal protesters have been assessed millions of dollars in unpaid taxes and penalties, but more significantly, many have gone to jail. In Fiscal Year 1982, 93 protesters were given prison sentences which averaged over 17 months upon conviction of tax crimes. In addition, fines totalling \$561,000 were imposed.

By far, the number of taxpayers who do comply with the law exceeds the number of illegal protesters. Out of the more than 90 million returns filed in 1981, fewer than 28,000 were identified as illegal protest returns and documents.

The IRS has the duty, given by Congress, to enforce the federal tax laws. When some individuals fail to pay their tax liabilities, the burden of taxes is greater for those who willingly comply. In the interest of fairness for all taxpayers, the IRS will continue to enforce all federal tax laws, including laws governing those who place themselves above the law by illegally refusing to pay their just share of tax.

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